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SUBJ: SOVIET AIRLIFT TO ETHIOPIA

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1. COURTESY CALLS OF AF/C DIRECTOR JUNIOR ON FOREIGN
MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL JOSEPH OWONO (FORMER AMBASSADOR
TO US) AND PRESIDENCY SECRETARY GENERAL SAMUEL EBOUA PROVIDED
OPPORTUNITY INFORM GURC OF SOVIET AIRLIFT AS OUTLINED
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2. BOTH OWONO AND EBOUA APPRECIATED RECEIVING INFORMATION AND
INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO SEE SUPER POWER INVOLVEMENT
IN HORN OF AFRICA. THEY FULLY APPROVED OF US POLICY OF
RESTRAINT IN FURNISHING DEFENSIVE EWAPONS IN SOMALIA AND
DISAPPROVED OF INCREASED SOVIET AID TO ETHIOPIA. THEY
WISHED TO SEE MEDIATION EFFORTS GIVEN A CHANCE INSTEAD OF

AN ESCALATION IN THE LEVEL OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BEING FURNISHED. OWONO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD INFORM FOREIGN MINISTER KEUTCHA AND EBOUA AS NORMAL ROUTINE CAN BE EXPECTED TO REPORT HIS CONVERSATION TO PRESIDENT AHIDJO.

3. WHILE GURC OFFICIALS DID NOT SAY THAT THEY WOULD TURN DOWN REQUESTS FOR OVERFLIGHTS, IN THE UNLIKELY EVEN THEY ARE MADE, THEY PROBABLY WOULD DO SO SINCE THEY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO SOVIETS THAT AEROFLOT IS NOT RPT NOT WELCOME TO MAKE TECHNICAL STOPS FOR FUEL IN DOUALA ON THE NDJAMENA-MALABO RUN. GURC WAS INFORMED OF SOVIET PRACTICE OF INDICATING ADEN AS DESTINATION ON FLIGHTS BOUND FOR ETHIOPIA. SMYTHE UNQTE VANCE

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